

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or organisation: Tom Lewis

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph

Policy

12a

Policies Map

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is: *(Please tick as appropriate)*

4. (1) Legally compliant

Yes

No

4. (2) Sound

Yes

No

 Unsound

4. (3) Complies with the Duty to Cooperate

Yes

No

5. Please provide details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Cooperate. Please be as precise as possible.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the Duty to Cooperate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

I give conditional support for the initial Dalton Barracks site allocation if made sustainable via enhancing the existing 4/4B bus route and it being sympathetic to surrounding communities in Whitecross and Shippon.

I note the intention that Dalton Barracks' travel sustainability for the first 1,200 dwellings, is not reliant upon the proposed Park and Ride (P&R) at Lodge Hill but by use of an improved 4/4B bus service which might be redirected through the site

I suggest reconsidering siting the Lodge Hill Park and Ride to the A34/A415 junction as an integral part of the site allocation and master planning process. There, it can be a transport hub for South bound journeys to Milton Park and Harwell, East to Abingdon and North to Oxford. Central and North Abingdon are already well served by the premium X3 bus service so moving the P&R to Marcham is not detrimental overall

The Bus and Cycleways as shown cause severe detriment to the Green belt. The road surfaces, fencing, lighting (and bus gates or equivalent to prevent unauthorised use) are inappropriate and intrusive on a ridge feature designated as Green Belt. The most recent study of the Green Belt, commissioned by the Vale, by Hankinson Duckett Associates notes that these parcels of land "form part of the footslopes to Boars Hill. Both Parcels are rural in character and are

characteristic of the 'Abingdon to Kennington Limestone Ridge with Woodland' local Character Area. The Parcels form the rural setting to the village of Sunningwell. Both Parcels also contain numerous rights of way, which provide rural connections between local settlement and the wider landscape. There are open views of the land within Parcels 8 and 9 from these rights of way. Both Parcels have high landscape sensitivity and high visibility and neither is suitable for development in landscape and visual terms". The report goes on to state that both have "a high contribution to at least one of the Green Belt Purposes. None of the Parcels are suitable for development in landscape and visual terms and development within any of these Parcels would harm the openness and integrity of the Green Belt."

The safeguarding proposals for both the P&R and associated public transport links as shown are premature, unnecessary, ill-conceived and illogical due to

- a. uncertainty of future development of the Dalton Barracks site beyond 2031
- b. uncertainty of the long term appropriateness of the OCC Local Transport Plan which proposes the "remote Park and Ride Strategy," including Lodge Hill due to the potential impacts of the OxCam Expressway proposals (if a south of Oxford expressway is created, with the intention and effect of freeing up the ring road the current P&Rs will continue to be viable and the outer P&Rs may not be necessary)
- c. existing planning protection due to Green Belt status of the land concerned (Vale as planning authority can prevent all development on the safeguarded land so it's unnecessary)
- d. absence of funding for the outer P&R sites
- e. absence of funding for the proposed A34 bus lane
- f. absence of funding for the cycleway/bus lanes in Sunningwell Parish
- g. uncertainty of the route's commercial viability
- h. probability of the route's detrimental impact on the existing 4/4B service
- i. poor route choices with parts of the route being safeguarded unnecessarily
- j. failure to engage with landowners and the local community
- k. failure to examine viable alternative options which could include:-
 - i. further enhancements to the existing service bus provision
 - ii. routing dedicated "hopper" buses by the existing road network allowing sustainable access to the P&R for a larger population
 - iii. alternative safeguarding of routes that would provide segregated cycleway provision along the Wootton Road and increased access by foot and cycle from the North Abingdon site allocation

Consequently, I object to the safeguarding of land in Sunningwell Parish for bus and cycleways and the Park and Ride because it is unsound. They should be removed from the plan and any future plans should not be brought forward without comprehensive engagement with the local community and landowners.

I therefore OBJECT to the LPP2 as the plan is UNSOUND.
Furthermore I endorse the SPADE and Sunningwell Parish Council consultation responses.

6. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the matter you have identified at 5 above. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to cooperate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

As set out in Box 5 above the safeguarding is premature, unnecessary, and ill-conceived. The safeguarding for the bus and cycleways between Dalton Barracks should be removed.

If VWHDC, in its next local plan, progress with further allocations at Dalton Barracks, OCC still intend to progress with the P&R at Lodge Hill (and the funding is available) and the Vale intend to press ahead with safeguarding for the connection routes, we then seek full and effective local community engagement and consultation in determining the most effective solution / location to enhance sustainable travel from and to Dalton Barracks so as to minimise the detrimental impact on existing communities.

Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.

After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

NO

No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination

Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

n/a

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Signature:

Tom Lewis

Date:

18/11/17

Sharing your personal details

Please be aware that, due to the process of having an Independent Examination, a name and means of contact is required for your representation to be considered. Respondent details and representations will be forwarded to the Inspector carrying out the examination of the Local Plan after the Publicity Period has ended. This data will be managed by a Programme Officer who acts as the point of contact between the council and the Inspector and respondents and the Inspector.

Representations cannot be treated as confidential and will be published on our website alongside your name. If you are responding as an individual rather than a company or organisation, we will not publish your contact details (email / postal address and telephone numbers) or signatures online, however the original representations are available for public viewing at our council office by prior appointment. All representations and related documents will be held by Vale of White Horse District Council for a period of 6 months after the Local Plan is adopted.

Would you like to hear from us in the future?

I would like to be kept informed about the progress of the Local Plan

no

I would like to be added to the database to receive general planning updates

no

Please do not contact me again

X

Further comment: Please use this space to provide further comment on the relevant questions in this form. **You must state which question your comment relates to.**

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